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the Government of India replied in May 1956 that the whole question is under study and that the final decision taken in the matter will be communicated to the State Governments. The final reply is still awaited.

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN : It was announced in the State budget for the current year that five hundred villages would be the target for rural electrification. May I know whether that depends upon the subsidy referred to in this question or whether the target can be achieved from the State funds?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : For that, the budget allotment is from the State funds. This is a separate scheme.

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : In view of the proposal that the Government of India are likely to give some subsidy to the State Government, is there any possibility of reducing the minimum charge?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : That is an entirely different question.

Sri M. PALANIYANDI : மத்திய சர்க்கார் கொடுக்கின்ற சப்ஸிடியிலிருந்து தனிப்பட்ட லைசென்ஸிகளுக்கும், மின்சார விஸ்தரிப்புக்கு வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க, உதவி செய்யப்படுமா ?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : சர்க்கார் தனிப்பட்டவர்களிடமிருக்கும் மின்சார வினியோகக் கம்பெனிகளையே தேசீயமாக்குவது எனச் சட்டம் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். பல கம்பெனிகள் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டும் விட்டன. இன்னும் சில கம்பெனிகள் அடுத்த சில ஆண்டுகளில் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படும். அதிக காலத்திற்கு எடுத்துக் கொள்ளாமல் இருக்கிற கம்பெனிகளுக்கு ஸ்டேட் கவர்மெண்டு லோனில் உதவி அளிக்கிறோம். இது மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தார் அளிக்கும் சப்ஸிடி. இதற்குக்கூட அவர்கள் Rural Electrification Board என்று தனியாக ஒரு ஸ்தாபனம் நிறுவி உதவி செய்யப்போவதாகச் சொல்லுகிறார்கள். ஆகவே நாம் எப்படி இந்தப் பணத்தை எடுத்து உதவுவது ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The next two questions, question Nos. 177 and 178, will be taken up on the 24th September.

Construction of the Hosdrug-Madikal-Nileswar Road

* 179 *Q*.—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the formation of the Hosdrug-Madikal-Nileswar Road in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district, stands at present ;

(*b*) whether the work of construction of the proposed bridge at Cherapuram on the road has been started ; and

(*c*) if so, when it will be completed?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI : (*a*) Of the total length of 8 miles 2 furlongs of the road referred to, sections

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from m. 0/0 to m. 3/1 and from m. 3/4 to m. 8/2 have been formed so far and section from m. 3/1 to m. 3/4 will be completed after the bridges at Pilanthodu and Cherapuram are constructed.

(b) & (c) The construction of the bridge at Cherapuram has not been taken up for the present due to change of alignment. It will be taken up after the alignment is settled and lands are acquired.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know why there is delay in acquiring the land and starting the work?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI : Landowners object to giving their lands.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* THE ADVERSE SEASONAL CONDITIONS IN KOLLEGAL TALUK.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received a notice under rule 40 from Sri S. C. Virupakshiah calling the attention of the Hon. Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, Mr. S. C. Virupakshiah.

* SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the adverse seasonal conditions in Kollegal taluk of the Coimbatore district. I am calling attention to this matter with a very heavy heart. A major portion of the Kollegal taluk is in the rain-fed area. This taluk enjoys the benefit of both the monsoons. The first monsoon, under which the mungaru crop used to be raised. completely failed with the result that there was no sowing at all for the main crop of cholam. For the second crop, ragi was sown, but the plants completely withered. Thus there has been a complete failure of crop. This is a poor taluk and it can boast of only a few items of wealth and the chief among them is cattle wealth. The most poignant result of this adverse seasonal condition is the high mortality of cattle. Cattle have been dying from the month of June and I have been informing the authorities that cattle have died in hundreds and thousands. The causes for the death are not far to seek. They fall mainly under two heads : one is want of fodder and the other is the prevalence of diseases arising out of under-feeding. These, I submit, are preventible causes. If only the Government had been pleased to bestow attention and supply fodder in time, much of the calamity could have been avoided. About twelve thousand heads of cattle have died. Thanks to Providence, we had some sharp showers three or four days back and we hope to tide over the crisis in two months. I earnestly appeal to the Government to pay immediate attention to this matter and rush fodder to the